

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-458**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the Retirement Celebration for Carol Drake-Harris after 35 years of outstanding professional service as a teacher with the Huntsville City School System will be held at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church on June 23, 2012; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carol Drake-Harris is a native of Madison County, and has lived most of her life in Harvest, Alabama. She is a 1969 graduate of Sparkman High School. Following high school, she matriculated at Alabama A&M University where she earned all of her higher education. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in English in 1973, a Master's Degree in English Education in 1987 and a Master's level certification in school guidance and counseling in 1992; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first position that led to retirement with the Alabama Teacher's Retirement System was as Administrative Assistant in the Office of University Relations at her alma mater, a position she held for eight years. In 1984, she was hired by Huntsville City Schools as an English teacher at R. L. Stone Middle School. In 1995, she was hired as Guidance Counselor at Colonial Hills/Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. During the last year in this position, she was in an itinerant role as Guidance Counselor at Martin Luther King, Jr., Elementary and Rolling Hills Elementary; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carol has four brothers and four sisters. She is tremendously blessed to still have her dad, who is 94 years old. She is a very active member of the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harvest, Alabama where C. Jermaine Turner serves as Pastor. She is a life member of the Alabama A&M University National Alumni Association, and a member of the Mizpah Chapter Number 37 Order of Eastern Star; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carol is a very busy lady assisting young and older persons alike. When she finds free time, she enjoys traveling, movies, reading and writing; and,

**WHEREAS**, her career consists of the following: 8 years - Alabama A&M University (Office of University Relations); 12 years - Stone Middle School - English teacher; 15 years - Martin Luther King, Jr., Elementary - Guidance Counselor for a total of 35 years in the Alabama Teacher's Retirement System; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby acknowledge and express their congratulations to Ms. Carol Drake-Harris upon her Retirement Celebration, and 35 years of outstanding service as a teacher with the Huntsville City School System. We wish her a long life and continued good health during her retirement years.

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**ADOPTED** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**Approved** on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama